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21 MR. JOHNSON: Homer Johnson.

22 I'm an activist. I consider myself an

23 American activist. I get involved in union activity,

24 political activities, workers rights activities, and

25 I've been involved in this issue for quite a while and

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1 this is my fourth time speaking before -- I don't know

2 if it's the same people every time -- but before this

3 board.

4 And I think it's a travesty what has happened

5 this time. Every time I come early, I help set up

6 tables, I sign in early, and every time I wind up here

7 in the wee hours of the morning speaking to an empty

8 room except for the people that care enough to come

9 here at this hour. And I think it's a shame and I

10 think you need to get it right next time, if there is

11 another time.

12 Right now, you know, I was going to say to

13 stretch, but you just had a stretch. I had a teacher

14 one time that made sure we did that because it gets the

15 blood flowing, makes sure you're thinking properly. If

16 everybody is thinking properly right now, then --

17 (BLOWS WHISTLE)

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18 I use this whistle on picket lines, rallies,
19 when there is danger to let people knowing there is
20 danger. There is danger right now in Nevada. Not only
21 in Nevada, but in the states all across the United
22 States, where this stuff is going to be coming from and
23 across. And it's a shame, it's a shame that it's
24 happening.

25 I come from Knoxville, Tennessee. Oakridge

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1 is 30 miles from where I live. My grandfather died of
2 cancer from working there and I'm ashamed of the union
3 people that come up here and they say, oh, I've worked
4 there for 30 years and nothing has happened to me.
5 Well, you better hope it doesn't happen to you because
6 it's a travesty to your whole family when it happens.
7 My dad right now is battling cancer because he worked
8 at Oakridge. I worked at Oakridge one day. They put a
9 monitor on me. And they didn't say, "This is if
10 there's a leak." They said, "This is to monitor how
11 much radiation you get and when it turns green, you got
12 to go home." That's what they told me. The DOE says
13 it's safe. It's not that safe. Anybody who thinks it

14 is, they're wrong.

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15 Now, I'm running for Congress and it's a big

16 joke to a lot of people. I might not make it in 2002.

17 I might make it in 2004. But I guarantee it, those

18 Congressmen in Washington better watch out because

19 Homer's coming to Washington and he's going to be mad

20 as hell when he gets there. Thank you.